

## LOCAL NEWS.

—Rev. T. U. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky, will preach in St. Paul's church, Hickman, morning and evening, on Sunday, Feb. 15.

—Note Plant's Removal.  
—General Hancock's recent leave-taking has given him a new lease on life. He is now in the city, and the committee has selected General George B. McClellan to fill the position.

PURE country made APPLE VINEGAR at Cowgill's Drug Store.

—In the COURIER of last week the marriage of Mr. G. W. Newton to Miss Mattie Stubbs was reported. It should have read, Miss Mattie Stubbs. Miss Mattie is still heart whole and fancy free.

Notice!  
All persons indebted to us will confer a favor by coming forward and settling accounts at once.

ALEXANDER & MAXWELL.

—Hickman now has two passenger trains, daily. One leaving here 11 a. m., and arriving at 4 p. m., which is the regular mail train; the other leaving at 12:30 and arriving at 3:45, night.

Mince Meat, &c.  
If you want some nice Cranberry Sauce, and Mince Meat, go to J. W. ROGERS.

—The name of Miles post-office, this county, has been changed to Jordan, and our clever friend W. J. Copeland, the postmaster at that thriving place, requests the readers of the COURIER to be so notified.

Iron, Prairie Mince, and Scratches of every kind cured in 30 minutes by WOOD'S SANITARY LOTION. Use no other. This never fails.

Sold by J. W. COWGILL, Drugist, Hickman, Ky.

—The great New York dispatch report "money easier and less in demand." In the COURIER office the quotation for this great necessity is exactly the reverse. But papers, like great men, will differ.

—Judge Baxter of the District Court of the United States, in a suit to compel Ex-Supreme Treasurer Breckinridge to pay a death benefit into court, decided against Breckinridge. We presume this will end the long and uncalculated feud in the Knights of Honor.

—Hickman, Ky., rejoices in the prospect of a new railroad, which is to run from St. Louis to the Mississippi, almost parallel with the Iron Mountain. It is claimed that St. Louis business interests demand the new line. May Hickman's rejoicing be not in vain.—[Charleston (Mo.) Enterprise.]

—In spite of the depression in trade, sales in the house of H. Buchanan, the first three weeks of this month exceeded the month of January last by over \$500. Does this look like hard times. Allow us also to remark, parenthetically, that this house is a liberal advertiser.

—There has been no drouth, panic, or plague, crops have been good, farm products cheap and abundant, and therefore we want somebody to tell us why is all this hard times? Is there any real cause for it, or is it largely a panic of imagination working real results?

—We have had the pleasure of adding a number of new names to our subscription list this week. There is room for more. Three old subscribers who because of hard times elected to quit some weeks ago, also, say it is mighty hard to do without the COURIER at home, and have renewed.

—T. P. Fortune has bought out the Gayoso Pharmacy, No. 351 Main street, next door to Menken Bros., where he proposes to keep a first class stock of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, etc. Mr. O. C. Clisum, a graduate in pharmacy, will be retained to dispense medicine day and night.—[Memphis Ledger.]

—One cow can be made to pay \$41.85 for the cream, at Glasgow, Ky., where there is a creamery. In addition the owner has the skim milk for other purposes. Does this pay? These creameries are being established by co-operation of the farmers of certain counties.

—Judge Campbell has sustained the city law of Paducah authorizing taxes on professions, trades and employments, but on the ground that where there is any doubt as to the constitutionality of the law, it is the duty of inferior courts to sustain the law, holding that there is great doubt as to the validity of the amendment to the city charter authorizing the tax.

—The greatest burden on this country is demagoguery, and there is no antidote to demagoguery but intelligence; therefore, if you would free your country of this burden, not only subscribe for your local papers, but get your neighbor to take them, for in those papers the subjects are discussed upon which demagogues get in their work.

—The arrangements for the inauguration of President Cleveland are to be the most magnificent of all preceding inaugurations. We are mighty glad to see the Democrats return to power, but in common with the old school, square-toed, one-gallopers Democrats of the country, we regret to see all this pomp and display. All Cleveland needs to do is to take the oath, and go to work.

—Our genial and enterprising friends, Alexander & Maxwell, are moving their dry goods store into the old Plant corner, and are busy arranging their stock, &c. This is a live house, prospering, and go on to prosper, and are determined to keep to the front by giving to the public bargains and honest, square dealing.

—Squire Meredith, a recent convert to spiritualism at Hickman, Ky., got an order from the ghost of his dead brother-in-law, in obedience to which he immediately went and paid \$240, the dead man's dues to his lodge of Odd Fellows. That ghost would help the exchequer of several needy societies by paying a visit to this city. If his success has staying qualities he might make a first-class starting trip all over the country.—[Paducah News.]

A Lawyer's Opinion of Interest to All.  
J. A. Tawney, Esq., a leading attorney of Winona, Minn., writes: "After using it for more than three years I take great pleasure in stating that I regard Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, as the best remedy in the world for Coughs and Colds. It has never failed to cure the most severe colds I have had, and invariably relieves the pain in the chest."

Trial Bottles of this cure for all Throat and Lung Diseases, may be had Free at Moore & Landrum's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.  
—Men who buy large bills of goods get lower rates than men who buy in small quantities. This is a principle in trade, and it is backed by many sound reasons. Again, men who ship large quantities of freight over a railroad get lower rates than those who ship small quantities, and it is justified on the same grounds in the one case as the other. If shippers at Hickman and other places would study this point, there is money in it.

An Answer Wanted.  
Can any one bring us a case of Kidney or Liver Complaint that Electric Bitters will not speedily cure? We say they can, as thousands of cases already permanently cured and who are daily recommending Electric Bitters, to prove Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Weak Back, or any urinary complaint quick cures. They purify the blood, regulate the bowels, and act directly on the diseased parts. Every bottle guaranteed. For sale 50c a bottle at Moore & Landrum's Drug Store.

—The Ballard county court house, with all the county records, was burned in 1889, but the incendiary was never discovered. Last week, says the Paducah News, Ballard county officers, arrested one Toke Hendricks, now a resident of Graves county, charging him with the offense. It is interesting to note that the citizens of Ballard in high standing are implicated, and that some one of them, has made a confession. The long and excited wrangle about the county seat removal flamed the flames.

Brechen's Arsenic Salve.  
THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale at MOORE & LANDRUM'S.

—A correspondent wants the COURIER to favor a no fence law. We do; but don't think this county prepared for such a law yet. It would suit some neighborhoods, but some it would not. The no fence law, as it is called, is the fencing in of all stock, and does not require fences for fields in connection, but makes it a trespass to enter such fields, just as if enclosed. The time will come when such will be the law in the State. In the meantime, we should be glad to hear the opinion of farmers on the subject.

—Union City has been afflicted with a gang of petty burglars and house-breakers, and inasmuch as they have defied the best efforts of detectives, they have been classed as "professional experts," but last week the thieves give their reputation as professionals away by attempting to rob the residence of the editor of the Advance. The Advance suggests that if captured they should be sent to the insane asylum and not to States prison.

—The Hickman box factory and Lumber Company spoken of heretofore in the COURIER as a probability, is now a fixed fact, and will commence business just as soon as the necessary machinery can be bought and placed. The new firm is composed of Capt. S. J. Rogers, W. C. Johnson, H. A. & R. T. Tyler. The capital is ample, and they will do an immense business. Other new industries will follow.

—Jeff Davis, when the train carrying the old liberty bell from Philadelphia to New Orleans, stopped at his home, Beauvoir, Miss., made a glorification speech over the old bell, his little grand daughter throwing her arms around the bell crying "God bless the old bell." Mr. Davis, by invitation, formed one of the party to escort the bell into the city of New Orleans.

—There is a perceptible improvement in trade in the leading cities, and confidence stronger. This feeling is reaching Hickman and having its cheerful effect. In New Orleans corn is improving now bringing readily 51c to 52c, a clear gain of 1 cent. Hickman buyers are paying 42c for sacked delivered. This is the only product now attracting any attention in this market.

—Mr. R. B. Brevard, the old reliable hardware merchant, has moved his hardware store into the Robinson brick, where he has everything arranged and in readiness to serve his customers, &c. His store looks fifty per cent better, and even Dick, himself, is now a tolerable good looking gentleman, as he always was one of our cleverest and most straight forward business men.

—The Prohibition party of Kentucky, which gave St. John, \$100 votes, is congratulated by its state executive committee on the growth of the organization. March 19 is named as the date for a general convention in the city of Louisville, to consult and adopt such measures as may best promote the interest of the party.

—Paducah has contracted for a system of water-works and the work on them will be pushed as fast as the weather will permit, but not much will be accomplished before the spring months. When these works are completed a great many manufacturers will be located there at once and then you may look for a big city "sure thing."

—The river is falling nicely at Hickman, and all the upper rivers are falling. There is no present prospect of an overflow, and the over sanguine have commenced predicting that we will have none this spring. We hope so, but apprehend it will come by and by.

—Ouro Luitrell, son of Mr. Jno. Luitrell, died at his father's residence in Hickman, Thursday morning of typhoid fever. He was a sprightly young lad of about 15 years, and much loved by his associates and acquaintance. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

—A report to the Tennessee Legislature gives the facts that the pleuro-pneumonia prevails among the stock and cattle in West Tennessee, chiefly about Jackson, and the report further says that the only sure way to prevent its spreading, is to kill the stock.

For the Hickman Courier.

YE CLOUDS.

BY H. HENRY T.

O, turn ye winged clouds your flight,  
And come and talk to me to-night!  
Come tell me, why that wild storm  
That sweeps across your stormy breast?  
I too am sad, and that is true,  
The deep, dark waters loudly roll.

O, tell me why that pallid brow,  
Why wear that look of woe and pain?  
And where has that golden hair  
That rippled o'er your sunny brow?  
My brow is pale and my eyes are dim,  
My chest is sore and my heart is vain.

O, why those great, soft melting tears,  
Emblems of vanished hopes and fears,  
And that lingering, haunting sigh  
That steals the bloom from life's bright eye?  
Come tell me all, my eyes are dim,  
And your words tremble on the rim.

A cloudlet trembled in the sky,  
And downward cast its fearful eye—  
A sparkling gem fell at my feet  
And when I stooped to pick it up,  
Out rushed its rainbow wings of light,  
And planned its airy ways for flight.

But why need I say more to you,  
Like legends coming from the sky?  
Their station here is waving low,  
Across the kingdom of the sky.  
Do they pause, their race no longer true,

Then speed ye winged clouds your race,  
No more I'll seek your stormy face!  
For earth, not clouds, nor waving air,  
Can soothe this heart and drown its care.  
Nor pause to talk to me to-night,  
Henry T., Ky.

Has the State Been Robbed?

It is a notable fact that the Frankfort newspaper made no mention of the Owensboro Messenger's startling rumor of gross mismanagement, if not criminal conduct of State officials. If the report is without foundation it would seem to be the first duty of the newspaper at the Capital to put the public mind at rest.—[Covington Commonweal.]

Says the Frankfort Yeoman: "We never saw the article until it appeared in the Frankfort Capital of Saturday, and we might have reproduced it, with the comment that it gave no direction to inquiry, except to the Legislature, which has power to overrule all the departments. If there is any discrepancy in the department of the State government, no rumor or suspicion of it, except through the article in question, has ever reached the people of Frankfort, and the ruling belief is that it is purely sensational, and the statement can in no measure be sustained. A robbery of the State without collusion between the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Auditor and the Treasurer would be impossible, except by means of burglar's tools. As far as we can see from the regular reports of the authorized officers of the State, there is no discrepancy, and we do not believe that a single cent ever has been, or ever will be, misappropriated by the several gentlemen now having charge of the finances. And furthermore, that had there been any unaccountable absence of funds or securities in previous administrations, it would have been discovered and exposed by this one long ago."

Graves County.  
Rev. W. G. Dillon, formerly of this city, was married at Cleveland, Tenn., on the 18th inst., to Miss Mary Craigmiles, of that place.

Mr. John R. Poplin, son of Dr. Green L. Poplin, of this city, died suddenly at Poplar Bluff, Mo., on the 12th inst. The particulars of his death are not yet known here.

Mrs. M. J., wife of Mr. J. A. Wyatt, died at the family residence, two miles northwest of town, on the 11th inst. of typhoid pneumonia, aged 27 years, 8 months, 19 days.

Mr. Giles Gough, of the Clear Springs neighborhood, accidentally shot his eleven-year-old son, on the 20th inst., while cleaning his gun preparatory to a hunt. He is reported to be in a critical condition.

Mr. Samuel Walker's residence, about a quarter of a mile southeast of town, was burned last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Everything in the house was saved. The building was worth \$1,400; insured for \$88.

The report has been in circulation here this week that on Sunday night last, near Pryorsburg, James Toney, well known to our citizens, was run over by the cars, and that on an examination of his body by a coroner a bullet hole was found in his head, creating the suspicion that he had been murdered and afterwards thrown on the track to hide the crime.

After inquiring of every one likely to know anything about the occurrence, we learned yesterday that the supposed dead man was seen hauling wood Tuesday. It is a cold day when a mangled corpse gets up to haul wood, so we suppose the report is false.

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LOWER and LOWER.  
All kinds of Groceries—hams, sides, &c. as cheap as the cheapest. I will not be undersold.  
JOHN WITTING.

## Hickman County.

Mr. Wm. Spears died at the county west of town Wednesday night, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Lydia Wheeler died at the residence of her grandson, Mr. Eph Wheeler, this county, last Sunday morning, aged about 80 years.

Mr. W. L. Owen died at his home in Graves county last Friday, of cancer. Mr. Owen was quite an old man, being in his seventy-sixth year. He was the father of our fellow-townsmen, Mr. I. C. Owen.

Mr. Ed R. Walker has been elected clerk of the State Senate now in session at Austin. Mr. Walker removed to Texas about a year ago, since which time he has held the position of editor of the Gainesville Register, the leading paper of northern Texas. His numerous friends in this section will be glad to hear of his preference.

Within the past month a remarkable fatality has overtaken the Sheppard family, who lived in the Devence neighborhood, this county. The elder Sheppard, William, his wife and a son were taken down with pneumonia and died within two weeks of each other, another son was down at the same time with pneumonia, and another son suffered at the same time with a severe attack of erysipelas, though it is thought he will recover. The younger Sheppard who died had just reached his manhood.

Next Monday, Feb. 2, is ground hog day, and we make the announcement apprehending that some of our newspaper contemporaries may overlook the event and fail to catch the earliest signs as to the opening of the spring. On that day the ground hog ventures out, and if he sees his shadow returns to his hole—winter not being over; but, if the reverse, the winter is ended and spring opening certain. Some years ago the COURIER announced spring based on Mr. ground hog, and the issue of the COURIER containing the announcement was greeted with the most furious snow storm of the winter, and since then we haven't predicted our weather predictions on the ground hog.

As assassination does not keep the Mormon elders out of Tennessee, the bill pending in the Legislature to punish the teaching of polygamy by fine and imprisonment is not likely to have the desired effect. The way to keep the bees from the flowers is to destroy the hive.—[Louisville Times.]

—Fred Douglass says that his race will do as well under Cleveland as they did under Grant or Hayes or Arthur. What will the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette say to this?

—The New York World says that Mr. Randall will not be a candidate for Speaker. Mr. Carlisle will have no opposition.

For the Courier.

A Whirl of Industry.

Mr. Editor:  
Suppose each man in a community able to command over \$1000 surplus, would organize into different firms, thus aggregating a capital of from \$5000 and upwards to each firm, and each establishing some profitable and needed factory, wouldn't it make a whirl of industry? Wouldn't it prove profitable to each, and to the whole community? There are numerous such enterprises that could be thus successfully inaugurated. What say such citizens?

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Miss Allen's School.

Miss Adel Allen respectfully announces to her former patrons and friends that her school for girls and small boys will open in her new Academy building.

Monday, February 9th,

and solicits a share of public patronage.

Primary Class.....\$2.00

Intermediate.....\$3.00

Advanced.....\$4.00

ONCE AGAIN,

We would say to you, that you should not neglect the opportunity of a lifetime, by not buying something in the lines of choice goods, which we are closing at prime cost.

We have added Blankets, Comforters, and Cardigan Jackets to the list, which with Overcoats, Clothing, and Winter Boots and Shoes, make quite a formidable array.

It would pay you, even if you do not need any of these goods at present, to buy and lay away for future use, as you may never have an opportunity of the kind again.

Money saved, is money made, and it would prove a most profitable investment for you. Try us once.

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## IT IS EASY

TO MAKE BIG CLAIMS in print, to say my Furniture "is the best," requires but a stroke of the pen and a little printer's ink; to back up the claim with the proof is a more difficult matter. None of my would-be rivals ever dare attempt to show in what respect their goods are "the best." "Not this evening, some other evening," is what they say when asked to give any solid reason for their claim, that they keep "the best" goods. This is a good way for people who keep inferior goods and wish to make them go by "blowing," but it is not my way.

## QUALITY

is the thing that tells, and I propose to duplicate **LOW PRICES** with first-class Goods. This is the point and essence of this discourse, and makes horse sense instead of mere blowing about it. Perhaps you know what good FURNITURE is, and perhaps you don't; if you want the test give me a call and I will show you.

I am also agent for the light-running Diamond Sewing Machine, the ladies friend.

N. B.—I **LOW PRICES**. Customers, politely served on short notice. Store across the street from Holcomb's new drug store.

Respectfully,  
E. T. GARDNER.

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The Open Sky.

It is a strange thing how little, in general, people know about the sky. It is the part of creation in which nature has done more for the sake of pleasing man—more for the soul and evident purpose of talking to him, and teaching him, than in any other of her works; and it is just the part in which we least attend to her. There are not many of her other works in which some natural or essential purpose that the more pleasing of men is not answered by every part of their organization; but every essential purpose of the sky might, so far as we know, be answered, if, once in three days or thereabouts, a great ugly black rain cloud were brought up over the blue, and everything well-watered, and so all left again till next time, with perhaps a film of morning and evening mist for dew. And instead of this, there is not a moment of any day, of our lives when nature is not producing some after scene, picture after picture, glory after glory, and working still upon such exquisite and constant principles of the most perfect beauty, that it is quite certain that it is all done for us, and intended for our perpetual pleasure. And every man, wherever placed, however far from other sources of interest or of beauty, has this doing for him constantly. The noblest scenes of the earth can be seen and known but by few; it is not intended that man should live always in the midst of them; he injures them by his presence; but the sky is for all; bright as it is, it is not "too bright nor good for human nature's daily food." Sometimes gentle, sometimes capricious, sometimes awful; never the same for two moments together, almost human in its passion—spiritual in its tenderness—almost divine in its infinity, its appeal to what is immortal in us as distinct as its ministry of chastisement or of blessing to what is earthly. And yet we never attend to it, we never make it a subject of thought, but as it has to do with our animal sensations, we look upon all by which it speaks to us more clearly than to brutes, upon all which bears witness to its intention of the Supreme, that we are to receive more from the covering vault than the light and the dew which we share with the weed and the worm, only as a succession of meaningless and monotonous accidents, too common and too painful to be worth of a moment of watchfulness, or a glance of admiration.—Ruskin.

Famous Bad Spellings.

A writer in the Notes and Queries notices some famous names who were bad spellers, as follows: "It must be admitted," he says, "that Hogarth spelled it (the writes 'guilt' for 'git' in a face simile I possess), and his education had been severely neglected."

"Nevertheless, instead of cataloguing his lapses; it might perhaps have been remembered that many of his contemporaries sinned nearly as much, and with less justification."

"Setting aside Her Majesty Queen Anne, Marlborough, Peterborough and others of rank, who may be held to be above such trifling considerations as doubling the consonant, and so forth, I have found errors in scholars like Warburton—in Swift even."

"In a letter of Dr. Watts, of pious memory, 'the heavenly mansions' is written with a t."

"But I take Reynolds, who, as a painter, is more a case in point. In one letter of his, in Mr. Lockier's collection, he writes 'communiac,' 'colle-house,' 'adlin,' and 'Whales' (for Wales) twice."

"In his 'Italian journal' of 1850, which also belongs to Mr. Lockier, I find, on hasty examination 'trodden,' 'Appello,' 'especially,' 'agreeable,' 'Rafael,' and 'Raffale.'"

"Many of these were no doubt due to mere carelessness. So, too, were some of Hogarth's, though no one seems to have excused him on that head, or to have remembered that orthography in the eighteenth century was not yet a fine art."

Man a Laughing Animal.  
Man is said to be the only animal that can cry, and yet he is not really a crying creature. He is a laughing and smiling creature. The hours which bring tears do not come very often. Some firesides see ten or twenty years in which no one has cause for weeping.

Many hundreds of many hundreds of a quarter of a century. The days on which man cries are few compared with all the days of his life. Man is an animal that cries, but he is not perfectly a creature that laughs. Not many days pass that bring no pleasant smiles to the majority. There is a column of laughter in the daily newspaper. The light drama of a pure and ingenious quality draw large audiences, while painful tragedy is less popular, because all mankind would rather laugh than cry. It ought to be an a priori argument in favor of life's intrinsic sweetness and worth that man comes up into it with his face beaming with smiles, and his smile widens out as years pass, and the dear old father laughs and plays with children, and one moment like one electricity thrills the heart of infant and of patriarch.

A BOHEMIAN of the first water was recently turned out of his lodgings and installed in a miserable little room absolutely without furniture. He met a friend and said to him, "Lend me a chair." "What for?" was the answer. "My dear sir, I should be so ashamed if burglars should come into my room."

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